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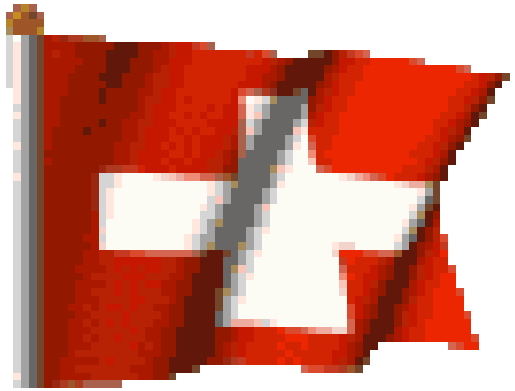

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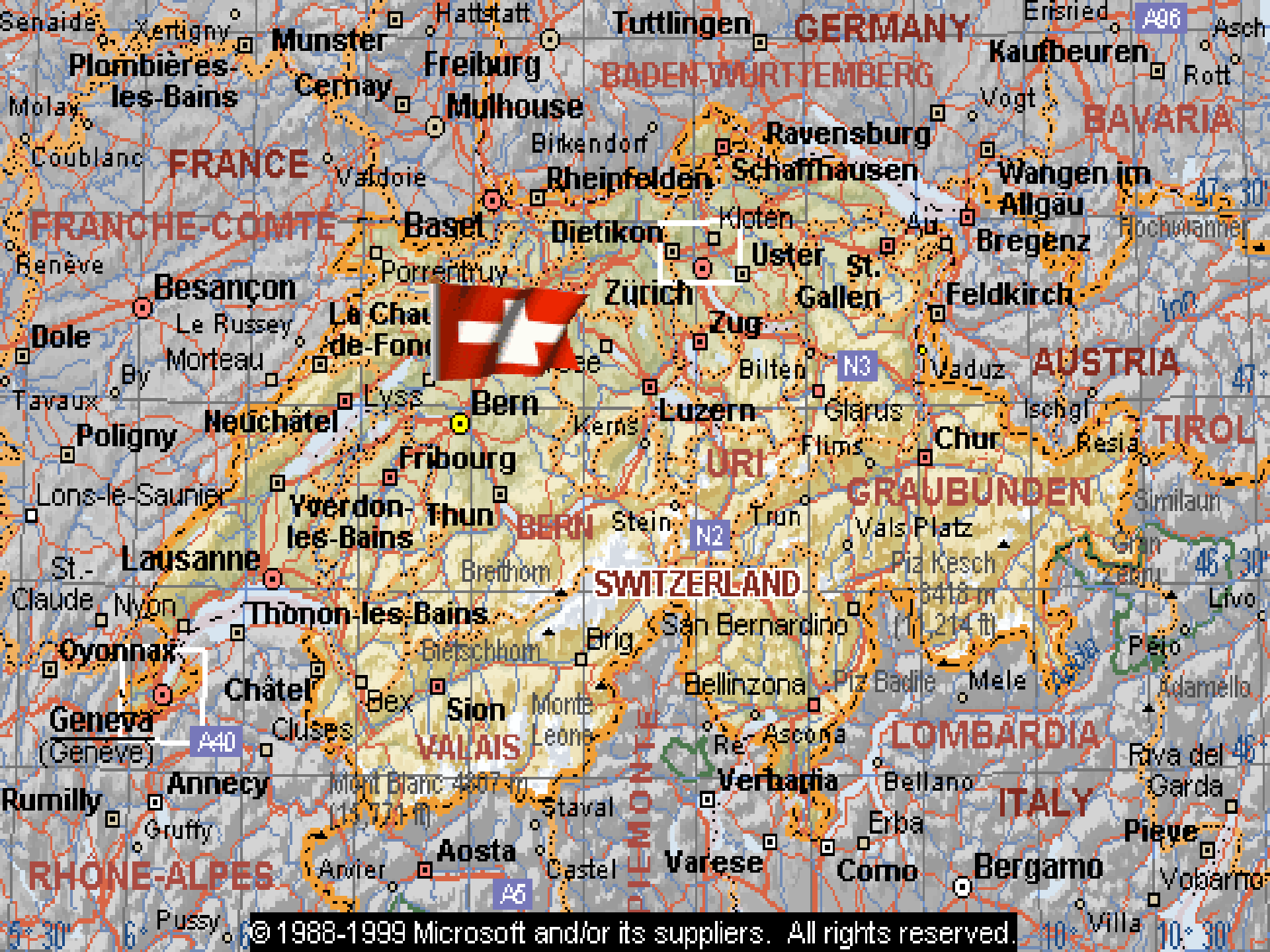
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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Swiss Confederation

Capital: Bern

Population: 7,275, 467 (est)

Type of government: Federal Republic

Head of government: PM Goran Persson

Official language(s) German, French, Italian, Romansch

Economy: Socialist- capitalist

Religions: Roman Catholic (46%), Protes

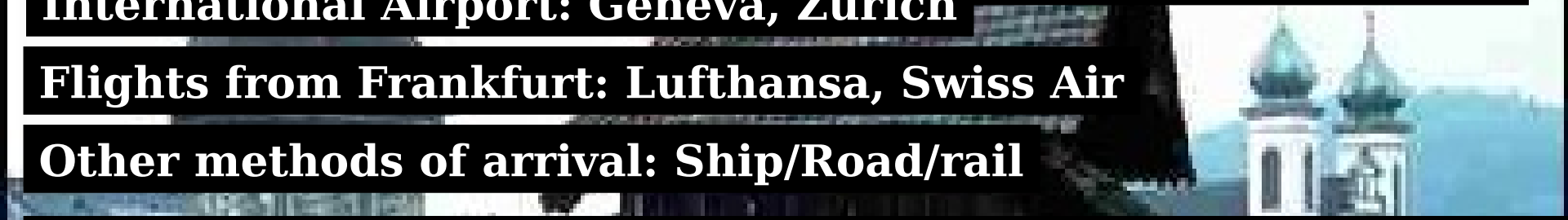
TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Geneva, Zurich

Flights from Frankfurt: Lufthansa, Swiss Air

Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/rail



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Tel: 41-31-357-7255 FAX: 41-31357-7381 E-mail
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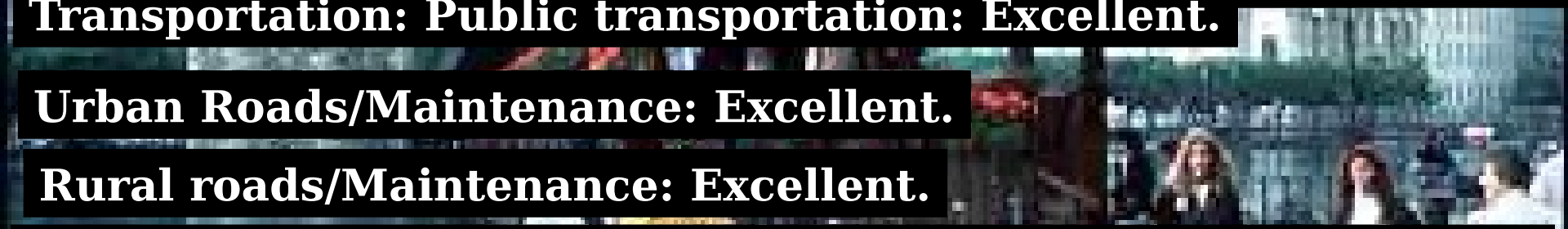
Transportation: Public transportation: Excellent.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Excellent.

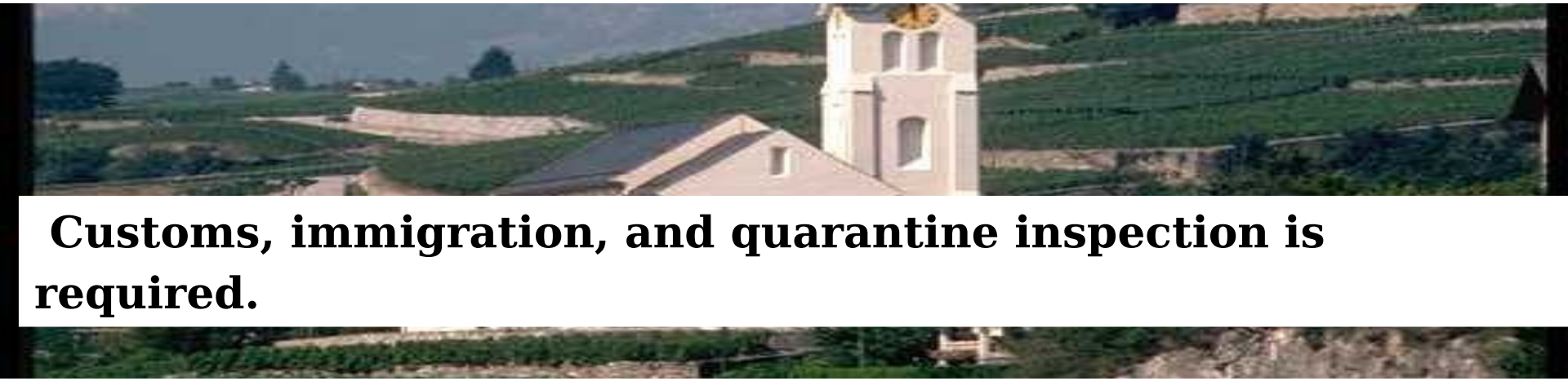
Rural roads/Maintenance: Excellent.



Availability of roadside assistance: Good. Although many roads are mountainous and winding, road safety standards are high. In some mountain areas, vehicle snow chains are required in winter. Road travel can be more dangerous during summer, winter holidays, and Whitsunday weekend

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: DoD ID cards are valid as a travel document for active duty military for stays of 90 days or less. Civilian personnel (including dependents) require a passport. A visa is not required for stays of less than 90 days. Stays of 90 days or more, for both active duty and civilians, require a passport and visa.



Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.

Duty-free entry for used personal effects: camera, jewelry, portable typewriter, cigarette lighter, electric razor, record player and records, 50 cigars or 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco, two liters of liquor with up to 15 percent alcohol or 1 liter of liquor with over 15 percent alcohol. Reasonable

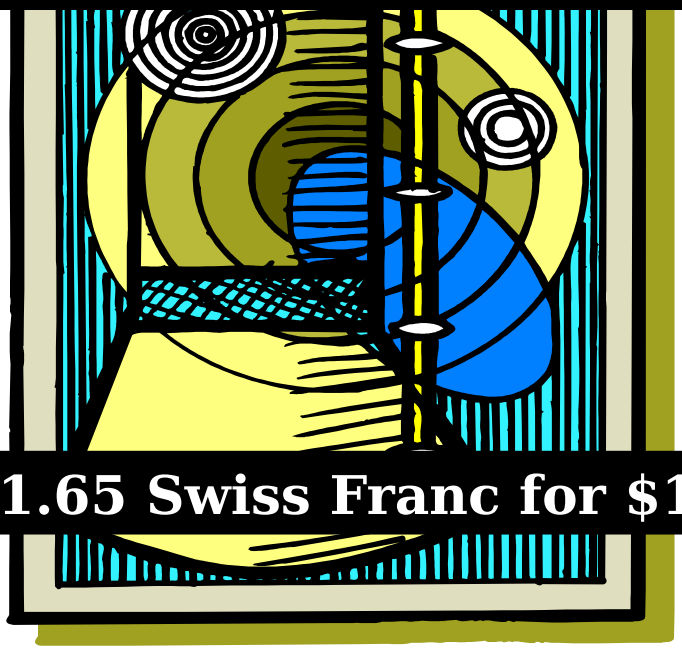
HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: If travel is by privately-owned vehicle, international insurance certificate (Carte d'Assurance) (Green Card) and oval (e.g., "USA" or "D", etc.) tag on rear of vehicle are required. Customs documents for entry of privately-owned vehicles are not required. Clearance for all official DoD vehicles must be obtained thru USDAO. Request for clearance must be submitted minimum 30 days before travel commences. All vehicles entering Switzerland via autobahn and subsequently using Swiss autobahn must purchase an autobahn usage tax stamp. This stamp may be obtained at any border crossing, valid from 1 Jan-31 Dec. Cost: 40 Swiss francs. U.S. citizens who are also considered to have Swiss citizenship may be subject to compulsory military service and other requirements while in Switzerland. Those who might be

Embassy operating hours are 0830-1730L Mon-Fri. In addition to US holidays (office closed on previous or following workday when holiday falls on weekend), the office is closed on the following Swiss holidays: Good Friday, Easter Monday,

MONEY

Currency restrictions: None. The American Embassy Bern and US Mission Geneva are not authorized to make advance or casual payments under any circumstances. If personal automobile is used, consideration must be given to extra funds for defraying repair costs as such repairs are extremely high in Switzerland.



Rate: Approximate: 1.65 Swiss Franc for $1.

HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases, STDs, cold injuries, and industrial pollution.
Availability of medical services: Good.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Switzerland.

Status of hospitals: Good.

Health Precautions: None.

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B (recommended), TB (recommended) MMR (recommended) and tetanus-disptheria boosters (recommended).

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance: Required for all military personnel traveling to Switzerland. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through G3/S3 channels.

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer or equivalent.

CRIME

Criminal Activities: Switzerland has a low rate of violent crime. However, pickpocketing and purse snatching do occur, especially during peak tourist periods (such as summer and Christmas) and when major conferences, shows, or exhibits are scheduled in major cities. Most crime is restricted to specific localities in major cities that are avoided by the prudent traveler and residents, such as areas frequented by drug dealers and users, the vicinity of train and bus stations, airports, and some public parks. Liechtenstein has a low crime rate.

Travelers may wish to exercise caution on trains, especially on overnight trains to neighboring countries. Even locked sleeping compartments can be entered by thieves, who steal from passengers while they sleep. The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to the local

Switzerland is strict on: Drugs. In Switzerland and Liechtenstein, penalties for possession, use, and dealing in illegal drugs are strict, and convicted offenders can expect jail

WEATHER

CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Civilian clothing is required. Members may not have any uniforms in possession without a uniform clearance. Requests for authorization must be included in the Country clearance request or requested separately at least 30 days in advance either by letter, FAX, e-mail, or message to USDAO Bern. If authorization is approved, the authorization letter must be in possession while wearing or carrying the uniform. Lightweight woolen suits are recommended for summer; jackets and lightweight coats are necessary with summer type women's clothing. Winter-weight clothing suitable to New England is appropriate for winter. Rainwear is essential.

This concludes the TRAVELER'S BRIEFING for

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